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BPA successfully passes into the new millennium

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PORTLAND, Ore. – After years of planning and the hard work of hundreds of employees, the Bonneville Power Administration entered the year 2000 with the lights on and absent Y2K problems. When the clocks rolled over to January 1, 2000, BPA's power and transmission functions performed well, as expected.

Conscious of its important responsibility to the region, BPA started its Y2K preparation early. BPA began its work in 1995 checking its systems not only to determine that they read 01/01/2000 correctly, but for other key Y2K dates as well.

BPA set March 31, 1999, as our target for being Y2K ready and we met that target. BPA's hardware (including embedded chips), software, applications and integrated systems had been assessed and determined to be functional into and through the year 2000.

Judi Johansen, BPA CEO/Administrator, monitoring the rollover at BPA's control center, announced, "As BPA's system rolled over to the new year without incident, we're confident that the power system will continue to provide safe and reliable power to the citizens of the Northwest. We are grateful to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Bureau of Reclamation, and Energy Northwest for their extraordinary performance."

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